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TASTING NOTES

2016 Singlefile Single Vineyard Pemberton Fumé Blanc

Stoney Crossing Vineyard Pemberton, Western Australia



VINEYARD & WINEMAKING

This wine is a sophisticated expression of sauvignon blanc made in the traditional Bordeaux style of the Pessac-Léognan / Graves sub-regions. The fruit is from the Stoney Crossing vineyard in Pemberton, planted in 1998. It has a north facing aspect and karri loam soils. The fruit was picked in April 2016, it was crushed, settled and underwent a wild fermentation in tank to 8 Be to ensure the fruit purity was maintained. At that point approximately 50% was transferred to oak (25% new Bordeaux barriques, 25% second use) with the remaining 50% completing fermentation in a stainless steel tank for five months on lees. This is done to balance fruit purity with the trademark spice, texture and softness of a barrel fermented sauvignon blanc.

Fumé Blanc was a name first used in the late nineteen sixties in Napa Valley, California, by vintner Robert Mondavi to denote a style of sauvignon blanc which had received oak treatment. The name is now widely used for oaked sauvignon blanc dominant wines.

THE WINE

The wine has complex aromas that hint at spice, straw, snow pea and subtle grassiness. The mouth feel is elegant and textural due to the partial oak treatment which softens the palate and adds a refined complexity. This wine shows its best with food and is well suited to complement oven-roasted chicken and vegetable style dishes.

94 Points, James Halliday

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alc: **12.7%**

pH: **3.41**

TA: **6.1 g/L**

rs: **1 g/L**

Cellaring: **Up to 5 years**